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International stocks had a great year in 2025, and advisors took notice. In this month's Financial Advisor Confidence Outlook (FACO), 43% of respondents expected to raise allocations to foreign equities in the coming month, up from 31% in January. Experts say while this is an attractive asset class, it requires patience and due diligence.

Do you plan to increase your allocations in international equities in client portfolios? Let me know — robert.burgess@arizent.com.

I hope you'll check out the article, along with the rest of this week's stories.

As always, thank you for reading. Talk to you next Thursday!

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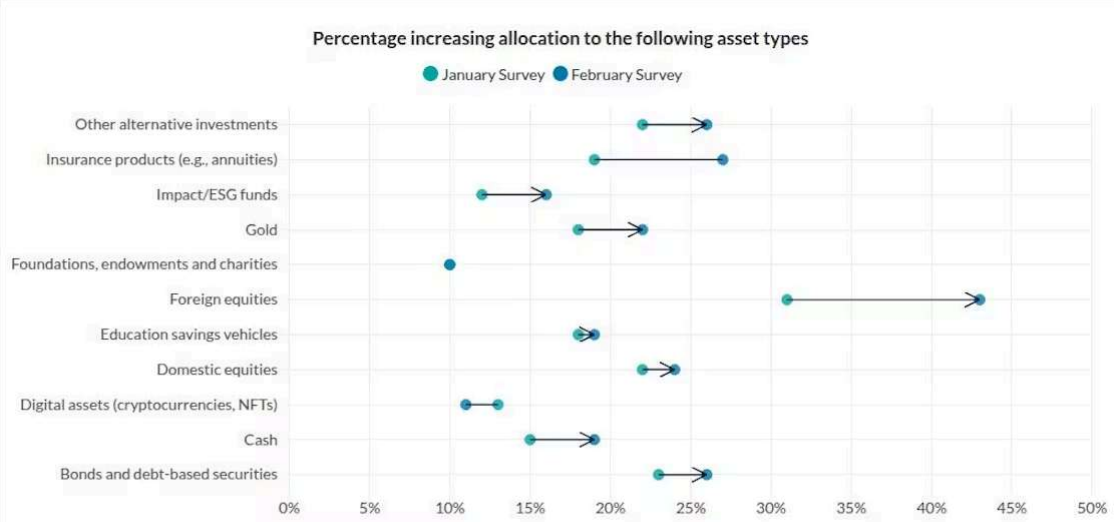
TOP STORIES

FACO

Foreign equities top advisors' list for increased allocations


Percentage increasing allocation to the following asset types
January Survey
February Survey
Other alternative investments
Insurance products (e.g., annuities)
Impact/ESG funds
Gold
Foundations, endowments and charities
Foreign equities
Education savings vehicles
Domestic equities
Digital assets (cryptocurrencies, NFTs)
Cash
Bonds and debt-based securities
0%
5%
10%
15%
20%
25%
30%
35%
40%
45%
50%
Source: Financial Planning, Financial Advisor Outlook Survey 2026 • Total respondents to January survey: n=201 financial advisors; February survey: n=200 financial advisors
Question text: How do you expect the distribution of funds you manage to shift among these different asset types in the coming month? In the coming month, I expect the proportional allocation of funds I manage will...
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Financial advisors say they are increasing client portfolio allocations to international stocks in the latest Financial Planning survey.

- **How advisors can help couples build financial harmony**
  Uncomfortable money questions can become routine when advisors help client couples foster regular, open communication.
- **Getting client couples aligned on money before they say 'I do'**
  Having potential spouses on the same page regarding money before taking their vows can help stave off hurt feelings later.

- **Behind the Marvel-movie inspired AI 'super agents' coming to Morgan Stanley**
  Jed Finn says human advisors will remain necessary even as Morgan Stanley develops AI-driven "super agents." Speaking at the same conference, the Wells Fargo CFO emphasized cross-selling.
- **Wealth manager stocks sink as new AI tool sparks disruption fear**
  Wealth management and tax planning stocks tumbled after Altruist launched an AI tool for tax strategies, stoking investor fears of disruption and fee compression.

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